(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that the brokers demand hefty commissions from both vendors and buyers/house owners and tenants for their services and, this being unaccounted money, the brokers pay no tax on such commissions;

(d) if so, the details in this regard;

(e) whether Government propose to bring in a legislation, whereby only licensed brokers are permitted to broker land and housing transactions; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Ministry of Urban Development has not framed any law to oversee the activities of brokers involved in land and housing transactions.

(b), (d) and (f) Do not arise.

(c) Government has no specific information in this regard.

(e) No, Sir.

Overhaul of system of registration of Cooperative Housing Societies

268. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether following revelation of the recent enormous cooperative land scam, involving Group Housing Societies in Delhi, Government have taken steps to overhaul Registrar Cooperative Societies system;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the long term and short term objectives of such reforms; and

(c) the steps since taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) The subject "cooperative societies" comes under the administrative control of Registrar of Cooperative Societies (RCS), Govt. of NCT of Delhi (GNCTD). The GNCTD has informed that they

have taken the following steps for plugging loopholes in the existing system to protect the interests of the genuine members of the Group Housing Societies:

(i) Declaration of vacancies in the societies through advertisement in leading newspapers and inviting objections for proposals regarding clearance of membership has been made compulsory.

(ii) The process of transfer of membership and issuance of no objection certificate by societies has been rationalised.

(iii) Indicating the details of Permanent Account Number, Bank Account, attestation of the photograph and signature of the member by a gazetted officer has been made mandatory for all the members of the group housing societies to ensure genuineness of membership.

(iv) Rule 24(2) of Delhi Cooperative Society Rules, 1973 has been amended to ensure enrolment of new members in a transparent and fair manner.

(v) Revial of defunct Cooperative Group Housing Societies has been banned.

Classification of Hyderabad as A-1 City

269. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has requested the Central Government to declare Hyderabad City as A-1 City on the basis of 2001 population which has already crossed the population of 55.34 lakhs by which Hyderabad City is incited to the status of A-1 category at par with 4 metro cities in India;

(b) the reasons for the delay in keeping this issue pending for a long time, without declaring Hyderabad city as A-1;

(c) whether Government would assure of declaring Hyderabad as A-1 City at the earliest to enable Andhra Pradesh Government to get special grants for further improvement of Hyderabad City; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?